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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER THORN'S APPOINTMENT WITH
SECRETARY KISSINGER

1. RECEIVED CALL FROM PAUL MERTZ, DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WHO ASKED TO SEE ME URGENTLY ON THE REQUEST OF FOREIGN MINISTER THORN. MR. MERTZ DISCUSSED WITH ME THE PROBLEM THAT MINISTER THORN SEEMS TO HAVE COME UP AGAINST CONCERNING AN APPOINTMENT TO MEET WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER WHEN HE COMES TO THE UNITED STATES TO ATTEND THE UNGA. HE INTENDS TO BE IN NEW YORK FROM OCTOBER 1 THROUGH 4.

2. MERTZ INDICATED THAT MINISTER THORN FEELS IT IS JUST AS IMPORTANT THAT HE AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF A SMALL COUNTRY AS LUXEMBOURG, HAVE OCCASSION TO DISCUSS THE EUROPEAN SITUATION AS IT IS FOR A LARGER COUNTRY. HE ALSO STATED THAT MR. THORN HAD ALWAYS HAD GOOD AND WARM AFFILIATIONS WITH SECRETARY ROGERS AND HOPED THIS RELATIONSHIP WOULD CARRY ON WITH MR. KISSINGER.

3. SEVERAL TIMES PREVIOUSLY THE SUBJECT OF A SMALL COUNTRY BEING AS REPRESENTATIVE AS A LARGE COUNTRY HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH ME BY MINISTER THORN AND DEPUTY MINISTER WURTH. I BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT THAT MINISTER THORN,
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FOR HIS OWN IMAGE FIRST OF ALL, AS THE FOREIGN MINISTER

OF LUXEMBOURG, AND ALSO AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF LUXEMBOURG
AS AN EEC MEMBER, SHOULD HAVE SOME TIME SET ASIDE FOR
HIM BY SECRETARY KISSINGER SO THAT THERE IS A CHANCE
FOR AN EXCHANGE OF IDEAS. LUXEMBOURG IS VERY PRO-U.S.
AND MINISTER THORN HAS VERY OFTEN SPOKEN IN FAVOR OF
THE U.S. FARKAS

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